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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP ON REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 8-31a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 Within any planning region of the state as defined or redefined by
4 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his designee
5 under the provisions of section 16a-4a a regional planning agency may
6 be created by the adoption of sections 8-31a to 8-37a, inclusive, by
7 ordinance of the legislative bodies of two or more towns, cities or
8 boroughs within such region, provided the total number of
9 representatives of such towns, cities or boroughs shall equal sixty per
10 cent or more of the total number of representatives possible of all the
11 towns, cities or boroughs within such region computed as prescribed
12 in this section. Any other town, city or borough within such region
13 may join such regional planning agency by the adoption of said
14 sections by ordinance of its legislative body. [Each] The chief elected
15 official of each town, city or borough within such region shall be a
16 representative on such agency and each such town, city or borough,

17 and except as provided herein, shall be entitled to two other
 18 representatives on such agency and [shall be entitled to] additional
 19 representation on such agency at the ratio of one representative for
 20 each fifty thousand of population or fraction thereof over and above a
 21 population of twenty-five thousand as determined by the last-
 22 completed federal census. Cities and boroughs with boundaries not
 23 coterminous with the boundaries of the town in which they are
 24 located, upon adoption of the provisions of said sections, may have the
 25 chief elected official and one other representative on such agency
 26 provided the population of the city or borough is greater than fifty per
 27 cent of the total population of the town as determined by the last-
 28 completed federal census, and the representatives of the town, upon
 29 adoption of the provisions of said sections, may have the chief elected
 30 official of such town and one other representative on such agency. If
 31 the total population of the town is greater than twenty-five thousand,
 32 the town may elect or appoint the extra representative or
 33 representatives as prescribed above, except that, for each fifty
 34 thousand population residing in the city or borough, the city or
 35 borough may have one additional representative. Noncoterminous
 36 cities or boroughs which do not contain fifty per cent or more of the
 37 total population of the town in which they are located shall not adopt
 38 the provisions of said sections and shall not join such regional
 39 planning agency. Where a planning commission exists in a town, city
 40 or borough established under the provisions of the general statutes or
 41 any special act, at least one of the representatives from such town, city
 42 or borough to the regional planning agency shall be appointed by such
 43 planning commission. The other representative or representatives shall
 44 be elected or appointed in the manner provided by ordinance adopted
 45 by the legislative body of such town, city or borough.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	8-31a
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the chief elected official of each municipality that is a member of a regional planning agency be a representative to such regional planning agency.

¹*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*